

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

The arcuate exterior surface 20 of the retention portion 16 of the body member 12 forms a teardrop shape. The retention portion 16 comprises a narrow end 22 representing the narrow portion of the teardrop shape whereby the narrow end 22 is coupled to the base portion 14. The teardrop shape of the retention portion 16 provides a gradual incline whereby the teardrop shape of the retention portion 16 is designed for facilitating selectively sliding one of the writing implements along the arcuate exterior surface 20 of the retention portion 16 by the user when the user removes one of the writing implements from the body member 12. As shown in Figure 2, the retention portion may comprise a loop having a pair of opposite extents, with each of those opposite extents of said loop being united to said base portion.